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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Hard, Robert A.

Serial No.: 08/623,852

Filed: 03/26/1996

For: Process for Recovering Metal Values From Solid Materials

Group No.: 1103

Examiner: S. Bos

**Box AF**

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

**AMENDMENT OR RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION—TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.116) for this application.

**STATUS**

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

**EXTENSION OF TERM**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.  
Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for three months:

Fee: \$870.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor. An extension for three month(s) has already been secured in the **Transmittal of Appeal Brief** filed herewith. The fee paid therefor of \$870.00 is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request      \$0.00

**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY		
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Total	17	Minus	20	= 0	x \$18 =      \$0
Indep.	2	Minus	3	= 0	x \$78 =      \$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				+ \$260 =	\$0
			Total	Addit. Fee	\$0

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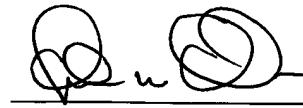
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#### FEE DEFICIENCY

6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 16-1435.  
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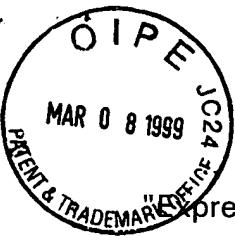


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**37 CFR 1.116 Amendment and Response to Office Action**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows to place the application in condition for allowance or better condition for appeal.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 14 as follows.

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1. (twice amended) A process for separating and recovering a first metal value [values] from a metal containing material including the first metal value [values being recovered] and at least a second [one or more additional] metal value [values] comprising:

digesting the metal containing material in a sulfuric acid solution comprising:

sulfuric acid;

*only when fluorides are present  
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a reducing agent to render the second [a] metal value insoluble; and

a carbon source which differs from the reducing agent;

for a period of time sufficient to solubilize the first metal value [values being recovered] and render the second [one or more additional] metal value [values] insoluble;

heating the digestion mixture for a period of time sufficient to attain 75-95 °C; and